

mulated any scheme for the development of tribal areas in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the central assistance provided under the scheme; and

(c) the progress made so far under the scheme?

**THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI)** (a) to (c). The details of the Tribal Sub-Plan of Maharashtra are available in the State Plan Document.

**Proposal to start Regional New Unit and P.I.B. Unit at Vizag in Andhra Pradesh**

**3855. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start Regional News Centre and P.I.B. Centre at Vizag in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, steps initiated in this regard so far?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):**

(a) and (b). The opening of new PIB offices depends on the size of the 8th Plan and availability of financial resources.

There is no proposal to start Regional News Centre at Vizag in Andhra Pradesh.

**Performance of Thermal Power Plants**

**3856. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:** Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently reviewed the performances of all the thermal power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the period of performance for which information has been received; and

(c) the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI):** (a) to (c). The performance of thermal power stations in the country is being continuously monitored. The details of energy generation and plant load factor of thermal power stations during April-November, 1991 are furnished below:

*Period: April-Nov. 91*

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**Thermal Generation (Million Units)**

Target	135597
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Actual	131710
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**Plant Load Factor (%)**

Target	54.4
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Actual	52.8
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